

368500-9

805-325-5642 B.M.W.D.

849 P01

JAN 25 '96 11:13

BERRENDA MESA WATER DISTRICT

2100 F STREET SUITE 100, BAKERSFIELD CA 93301

Tel 805/325-1284

Fax 805/325-5642

FAX TRANSMITTAL

FAX TO: Cal Fed BAY-DELTA PROGRAM

FROM: RON CAMPSON

DATE: 1/25/96

PAGES: 3 (including Cover Page)

ORIGINAL FOLLOWS BY MAIL: YES ☐ NO ☒

MESSAGE:

*Comments on 1/24 mtg. in
Fresno.*

If you have any difficulty receiving this transmission, please call us at:

805/325-1284

01-10-96



CALFED
BAY-DELTA
PROGRAM

Public Input

Date: Jan. 25, 1996

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program welcomes your participation. Please use the space below for your written comments.

If your comments are related to a CALFED public workshop or meeting, what was the date of that event? Jan. 24, 1996

Comments: _____

See attachment

Name: Ron Lampson, Engineer-Manager
Organization: Berrenda Mesa Water District
Address: 2100 F St., Suite 100
Bakersfield, Calif 93301
Phone: 805 325-1284 Fax: 805 325-5642

Check here if you are *not* on our mailing list but would like to be added: ☒

Please return this form to:



CALFED
BAY-DELTA
PROGRAM

1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155
Sacramento, CA 95814

January 24, 1996

How do you propose to break the cycle of "legislate, regulate and litigate" in the Bay-Delta planning process? I am sorry I do not share your optimism about the CalFed planning procedure. As evidenced by the comments of the vocal minority at last night's public information meeting, nothing short of annihilating most of the human population in order to reduce the use of natural resources and return things to the way they believe they were created, will satisfy them.

We need legislation that will revise environmental review laws to restrict the ability of a minority environmental interest group from using the environmental review process to stop or delay an action or project which benefits the majority of the public. Obviously, we should be good stewards of the environment in our planning for the delta facility, but there needs to be a recognition of the priority of providing for the needs of humankind ahead of the needs of endangered species.

Look only as far as the current challenges to the use of the waters of the San Joaquin River and the Monterey Agreement Amendments to the State Water Contracts for evidence as to the fate of the CalFed Bay-Delta plan. There are elements of the environmental community which are never satisfied with a compromise.

Enough of philosophy, I still believe the Peripheral Canal is the best solution to the Delta environmental and water export problems. The major challenge is finding a way to pay for it, thirty years after it was conceived as the solution to the problems of the Delta.

H. Ronald Simpson